Corporation? Has that request been considered favourably by the Government? What is the decision which the Government have taken on this request of the Corporation?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: The Government have just now asked for the remarks of the Chief Engineer, Highways, and it will be considered as soon as it is possible.

MR. SPEAKER: Questions are over.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

I.—MOTION EXPRESSING WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT UNDER RULE 54 OF THE ASSEMBLY RULES.

MR. SPEAKER: I have received notice of a motion under Rule 54 of the Assembly Rules from Sri T. S. Ramaswamy Pillai. The motion reads as follows :—

'This House resolves to censure the Government for its wrong, baseless, and misleading propaganda policy on the achievements of the Five-Year Plan in the State'.

Under this Rule the Speaker has first to give his consent and then certain other conditions have got to be fulfilled before this motion of censure can be taken up. Rule 152 says that the budget shall be dealt with in two stages, viz., General discussion and Voting on Demands for Grants. The Speaker, in consultation with the Leader of the House and the Business Advisory Committee shall fix and appoint sufficient number of days for each of these stages provided that not more than eight days are allotted for the General discussion and not more than 20 days for the Voting of Demands. As per Rule 153, five days were fixed for the General discussion and, at the end of the period, the Finance Minister replied. According to Rule 154, I have, in consultation with the Leader of the House and the Business Advisory Committee, fixed the time for discussion on each Demand and also determined the order in which the Demands are to be taken up.

On the days allotted under sub-rule (2) of Rule 152 for the Voting of Demands for Grants no other business shall be taken up before 5 p.m. except with the consent of the Speaker. In the present case this will have to be 2 p.m. as by agreement the time for the sitting of the Assembly is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Therefore, no free day is available for the discussion of this Censure Motion. Further, opportunities are likely to arise during the course of these 15 days when the House can express its confidence or want of confidence in the Ministry or its opinion on their action. This Censure Motion can be considered under Demand IX —Head of State, Ministers and Headquarters Staff, when it comes up before the House. If necessary, I am prepared to allow the hon. Member Sri T. S. Ramaswamy Pillai to table a cut motion on this subject.

Taking all these into consideration I do not give my consent to the moving of this Censure Motion.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : May I make a submission to you, Sir. We are prepared to take any Demand discussed and voted upon as a vote of confidence in the Government.

MR. SPEAKER : That is agreed. The custom is that all Opposition parties select whatever cut motion they like and move it. If Mr. Ramaswamy Pillai moves his cut motion, I daresay that the Opposition parties will allow it. The House will then discuss it on its merits.

III.—VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR THE YEAR 1957–58—*cont*.

(1) DEMAND XXVII—ELECTRICITY.

(2) DEMAND XLI—CAPITAL OUTLAY ON ELECTRICITY SCHEMES.

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Mr. Speaker, I shall move both the Demands.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor, I move—

"That the Government be granted a sum not exceeding Rs. 18,05,15,400 under Demand XXVII—Electricity."

Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor, I move—

"That the Government be granted a sum not exceeding Rs. 29,76,87,100 under Demand XLI—Capital Outlay on Electricity Schemes."

Sir, there are two Demands relating to Electricity : (1) Demand XXVII for a grant from the current revenues to meet the working expenses and (2) Demand XLI for capital expenditure on Electricity Schemes. As the subjects dealt with in both the Demands are allied ones, both the Demands may be taken together for purposes of discussion. The Demands may, however, be put to vote separately.

The first Demand is for meeting the working expenses of electricity schemes in operation. The working expenses include expenditure on smaller works financed from ordinary revenues, expenditure on operation and maintenance, cost of establishment and provision for depreciation. Against Rs. 18·08 crores required for these working expenses, the net expenditure on working alone will be 6·11 crores. The gross revenue expected to be earned by the department is Rs 9·50 crores.

Sir, the revised estimates under these two Demands have been prepared for the full year 1957–58. However, as the hon. Members are already aware the Government have constituted the